The South 40

Johnsongrass: control it now

By JAMES A. SMITH

There are a number of isolated patches of Johnsongrass in fields and roadsides. Now is the time to stop this major pest before it spreads. Some growers are doing a great job of controlling the plant but others need to recognize the problem and either spray or use a wick applicator containing Roundup.

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A build-up of aphids is occuring in some tobacco fields–beter keep a close check on this situation. There's a long list of recommended insecticides: Orthene, Diazinon, Dimethoate, Thiodan, Malathion, Penncap M, Lannate/Nudrin, Azodrin.

An important consideration is to apply the insecticide where the insect is located. Material placement is always important, but particularly so with aphids.

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We have some research which describes the value of ear tags for fly control: Spring calves from treated cows gained 3.6% more per day than calves from control cows. Calves from cows receiving 2 ear tags gained 14.8 lbs more per head than control calves. At 60c/lb., this is $8.88 per head. At a cost of $3.00 per animal (2 tags x $1.50) the net return is approximately $6.00 per head.

Yearling steers with tags gained 9.4 lbs. each month more than control from May through August for a 38 lb. advantage. At 60c/lb. this is $22.80 less $3.00 or a net per head from fly control with ear tags of $19.80.

If you aren't using fly tags, I urge you to start, now. There are sources for ear tags selling for less than the $1.50 figure, which would increase the net income.

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The 1983 Farm management Tour will be in Franklin County July 20. We have brochures on the tour–stop by and pick-up a copy.

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If beef calves were implanted with Ralgro at birth or at least 100 days ago, it's time to make another implant.

If yearlings were implanted early with Synovex, they can be re-implanted with Synovex or Ralgro.

While you are putting implants in place, it's also a good idea to pay particular attention to wormy calves and treat them. A few extra pounds will pay for the worming material.

Fescue and orchardgrass pastures are pretty touch. Now is the time these calves need to have access to clover, lespedeza, alfalfa or summer forage (millet, sudangrass).

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Gene Deutscher, who is beef cattle specialist, Nebraska, says that pelvic measurement of virgin heifers is an important management tool that should be put in place. He has developed a pelvic area/birth weight ratio which can be used with pelvic measurements to determine the calf size a two-year old heifer can deliver without major difficulty. The maximum calf size in pounds is calculated by dividing square centimeters of the pelvic area by 2. Either a veterinarian or experienced producer can take pelvic measurements (internal width X height = pelvic area) a few weeks before the breeding season.

For example, heifer with a pelvic area measuring 120 square centimeters could handle a maximum 60 pound call (120 ÷ 2 = 60 pounds). A heifer with a 140 square centimeter pelvic area could handle a 70 pound calf with little difficulty. One with 160 square centimeters pelvic area could handle an 80 pound calf. Yearling heifers weighing 600 pounds before they are bred should have an average pelvic size of 140 square centimeters, allowing them to have a 70 pound calf as a two-year old.

If you haven't taken heifer pelvic measures prior to breeding, those measurements can be taken when heifers are pregnancy checked according to Deutscher. However, at that time your alternative to calving problem is to cull those with very samll measurements. He suggests when calculating maximum calf size postbreeding, use 2.5 ratio factor rather than the 2 used in earlier calculations.

PICTURED ARE MEMBERS of the 4-H group from Texas. Seated: Bryan Kindle; front row: Tamara Gilliland, Leah Irvin, Britta O'Tay, Gena Pearcy, Russel Brown, Wes Hanks, Greg Young; 2nd row: Jessie Robinson, Donae Parker, Robin Kindle, Staci Kindle, Jerry Gleason; 3rd row: Charlotte Welch, Jodie Wheeler, Tracey Tunnel: Back row: Betty Campbell, Shelly Sain, Zanna Huckaby, Todd Bessire, and John Welch. Missing from picture are Sharla Morrison and Extension Agent, Kirby Rankin.

Texas 4-Hers visit here

On Saturday nineteen 4-H'ers and four chaperones from Bailey County, Texas arrived in Appomattox for a week-long stay. The 4-H group is here as the first part of a 4-H Interstate Exchange program. Appomattox 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to travel to Texas during the summer of 1984.

While in Appomattox the 4-H group is staying with various host families and participating in several special activities. 4-H Interstate Exchange provides an opportunity for travel, education and enjoyment.

Serving as host families were: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herncall, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Marston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lutke, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Brod Pack, Mr. and Mrs. William Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, Ms. Janet Hix and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweet.

The Texas 4-H group will leave for their trip home on Saturday morning.

Voters' League to meet

The Appomattox Voters' League will meet at the Spout Spring Community Center July 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Five convicted on food stamp fraud charges

Five Appomattox County food stamp clients have been found guilty of food stamp fraud recently in judge Robert Spencer's general district court.

Ms. Minnie F. Daniel was accused of failing to report earned income of a family member and receiving $321 in food stamp overissuance. She was found guilty June 7 sentenced to six months, suspended on good behavior, ordered to make restitution of $50 per month.

Ms. Mary Goode was charged with failure to report unemployment benefits received by her husband. The unreported income was found on a Virginia Employment Commission print-out that is sent to the Welfare Department monthly. She was found guilty June 7 of receiving $900 in food stamp overissuance, and sentenced to 12 months suspended on good behavior. She was ordered to make full restitution within 12 months.

Ms. Marie Watkins was charged with failing to report child support, and found guilty June 7 of receiving $146 in food stamp overissuance. She was sentenced to six months, suspended on good behavior, and ordered to make restitution.

Ms. Lorene Silby was accused of failing to report earned income of a household member. This income showed up on a Virginia Employment Commission print-out. She was found guilty June 7 of receiving $441 in food stamp overissuance, and sentenced to six months, suspended on good behavior. She was also ordered to make restitution within 12 months.

Mr. Louis Kelso was accused of failing to report unemployment benefits he was receiving. He was found guilty July 13 of receiving $360 in food stamp overissuance, and sentenced to 12 months in jail, with 11 months suspended on good behavior. The judge disqualified Kelso from the food stamp household, and ordered him to make full restitution within 12 months with the condition that if he fails to do so, his disqualification will continue until restitution is complete.

Picnic is Saturday

The annual Appomattox County Farm Bureau picnic will be held this Saturday, July 23 at Fred Jones' Lake.

Dinner will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring a vegetable or salad and a dessert.

Volleyball, badminton and horseshoe courts will be set up for the enjoyment of participants, and a poster contest with posters produced by the children of Farm Bureau families will be featured at the picnic. The theme of the postrs is "My Farm," and here will be three prizes awarded.

ASCS Today

By TOM CONRAD

USDA Announces Guidlines For 1984 Wheat Program - General guidelines concerning the provisions of the 1984 wheat program were announced recently. The program provisions are tentative but will likely fall within these guidelines:

--An acreage reduction requirement of between 20 and 30 percent.

--An additional land diversion of between 20 and 25 percent with a payment-in-kind compensation for farmers who divert additional land.

--An in-kind compensation of between 70 and 80 percent of program yield.

These points should provide wheat farmers general guidance for planning purposes. It is impossible to finalize the provisions until Congress completes its consideration of target price freeze legislation that has been requested by the Administration since January. Without a target price freeze, the tentative program provisions announced recently would be subject to change.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry approved the target price freeze legislation on June 21. The House Committee on Agriculture met on May 25 to consider the legislation, but postponed further consideration.

USDA Requests Comments on 1984 Feed Grain Program - Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently called for public comment on some specifics of the 1984 feed grain program.

Block said the deadline for comments is Aug. 23 which will allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the public's recommendations along with current data on U.S. and world crop conditions and crop supply and demand, before announcing the 1984 program. Current intentions are to announce final program provisions by the end of September which would be well ahead of the Nov. 15 statutory deadline.

Specifically USDA would like to receive comments on:

-The loan and purchase level;

-The established (target) price;

-The national program acreage;

--Whether there should be a voluntary reduction percentage and, if so, what percentage;

--Whether there should be an acreage reduction program and, if so, what percentage and how will the acreage bases for the acreage reduction program be established;

--Whether a set-aside requirement is necessary and, if so, what percentage;

--Whether there should be a payment-in-kind (PIK) program and, if so, the PIK program provisions that should be applicable:

-Whether there should be a land diversion program, and if so, the extent of such diversion and the level of payment;

-Whether barley should be determined eligible for payment purposes under the food grain program;

-Whether malting barley should be exempt from any acreage reduction program;

--If an acreage reduction, set-aside or payment-in-kind program is necessary, whether to allow haying and grazing of conservation use acreage;

-Provisions of the farmer-owned reserve;

-Whether to require offsetting compliance if an acreage reduction program is established; and

--Whether to include popcorn and waxy corn as field corn for program purposes.

--Details of program options USDA is considering were scheduled to appear in the June 24 Federal Register.

Comments will be accepted by Howard C. Williams, Director, Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. The comments will be available for public inspection in Williams' office during regular business hours.

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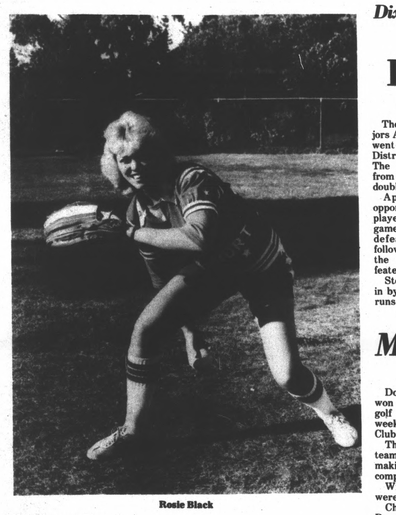


Rosie Black

In Pamplin

Rosie here tonight

A blazing 100 m.p.h. fastball zips past the hitter for strike three. The hitter, frustrated and demoralized, returns to the dug-out mumbling to himself. No, the pitcher isn't Nolan Ryan or Sandy Koufax in his prime. This pitcher is the hurling sensation, Rosie Black, with the hottest arm around.

Rosie and the four-member softball squad, "The Queen and Her Court," are scheduled to play a team composed of members of the Raider varsity baseball team today (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at the Pamplin Community Center. Tickets are available from any member of the Pamplin Ruritan Club, or a t Tolley's Market in Pamplin and Appomattox Drug Store in Appomattox.

Strike-outs are nothing new to Rosie. She has recorded more than 42,231 of them during her 18 year career. Featuring a repretoire of 16 different pitches that leave batters shaking their heads in disbelief, this superstar athlete has been baffling opponents all over the world for years. Rosie is the headliner of "The Queen and Her Court", a four member softball team whose entertainment and combined skill have dazzled millions of fans who have heard the legend and come to see if Rosie is indeed the "Queen" of the softball diamond. The team is composed of only four players instead of the usual nine - with a pitcher like Rosie, who needs fielders? Over the years, she has compiled some impressive statistics: 311 perfect games, 845 shut-outs, and 659 no hitters.

They's not only the hottest softball team aorund, but Television Stars, appearing on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, The Mike Douglas Show, Merv Griffin, John Davidson, You Asked For It, and the international talk shows "The 700 Club" and "The PTL Club".

Dixie Pre-Majors

Locals win tourney

The Appomattox Dixie Pre-Majors All Star Team (ages 15 and 16) went undefeated in capturing the District III tournament last week. The tournament included teams from Buckingham and Farmville in a double-elimination event.

Appomattox outscored their opponents 37-4 in the three games played. The local team won the first game against Farmville 16-1, then defeated Buckingham 10-3 the following night. In the final round of the tournament, Appomattox defeated Buckingham 11-0.

Stellar performances were turned in by Ricky Turner (six for 10, six runs scored), Tom Cobb (six for 11, seven runs scored), Kevin Kendrick (four for eight), Tim Austin (four for 10), Paul Johnson (eight innings pitched, 18 strike outs, one hit allowed), Mike Jackson (seven innings pitched, eight strike outs, five hits allowed), and Mike Ferguson (two innings pitched, four strike outs, two hits allowed).

In winning the tournament, the Appomattox team qualified for the state playoffs. The state tournament begins Saturday, July 23 at noon at Amherst High School. Other teams playing in the tournament will be Madison Heights, Bedford, Colonial Heights, and Brookneal.

The Appomattox Dixie Pre-Majors All Stars

Marshall, Wooten win

Doug Marshall and Curtis Wooten won the annual member-member golf tournament held this past weekend at Falling River Country Club.

The tournament was a two-man team effort with eighty members making up the 40 teams which competed on Saturday and Sunday.

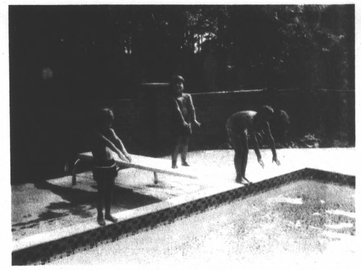
Winners in each of the four flights were as follows:

Championship Flight - first place, Doug Marshall and Curtis Wooten; second place, Floyd Williams and Rick Thompson; third place, James Paulette and T. T. Martin.

First Flight - first place, Robert Jackson and Buster Jackson; second place, Larry Shivley and Robert Hamlette; third place, Dickie Smith and Carroll Goodrich.

Second Flight - first place, Clarence Smith and Tommie Lawson; second place, John Rothgeb and Bill Gray; third place, Ray Wade and Cary Lee.

Third Flight - first place, Buddy Wariner and Tony Wariner; second place, Martin Webb and Bob Hubbard; third place, J. T. Guill and David Scruggs.



LOCAL WOODMEN OF THE WORLD children are busy preparing for competition at the W.O.W. Family Outing, to be held at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Aug. 27. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of events, including swimming. Richard L. Martin will coordinate this event.

Tennis lessons slated

The Appomattox County Recreation Department will offer tennis lessons beginning Aug 1. The classes will be limited to ten students and will be conducted at the Appomattox County High School tennis courts.

Instructor for the lessons will be Jackie Smith. Classes will be divided as follows: Group I (beginners) 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Group II (intermediate) 10:30 a.m. to noon; Group III (adults) 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All participants should pre-register in order to insure being included in the class. You can pre-register by calling Bob Hudson (352-2645 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.). There will be a $10 fee for the lessons.

ACDR sponsored

Soccer clinic planned

The Appomattox County Recreation Department will sponsor a soccer clinic beginning July 25 at Appomattox Elementary School.

The clinic classes will begin at 6 p.m. July 25 and continue nightly for two weeks. Students will learn the rules of soccer, practice soccer skills, and compete in soccer games.

There is no fee for the soccer clinic.

Boys' physicals slated

Physical examinations for boys planning to participate in autumn sports in Appomattox County schools will be conducted Monday, July 25 beginning at 4 p.m.

Boys planning to participate in sports programs are asked to report to the Appomattox County High School office at that time.

SEC meeting set

The Appomattox County Special Education Advisory Committee will meet August 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the School Board Annex.

This group offers recommendations to the School Board. Persons in the community may discuss special education services with members of the committee or school board office personnel. Mr. Bob Jamerson serves as committee chairman.

Committee members are Mr. Bruce Williams, Mrs. Brenda Richardson, Miss Terri Barrow, Mrs. Judy Taylor, Mrs. Eva Moore, Mrs. Danny Rogers, Mr. Harrison West, Mrs. Wayne Shoemaker, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mrs. Cecil Nash, Mrs. Nancy Woods, Mrs. Ann Reynolds, Mr. Bob Jamerson, Mrs. Ruby Williamson, Mrs. Henrietta Johnson, Mrs. Daniel Davis, Mr. Raymond Lukehart, Mrs. Jane Wright, Mrs. Dorinda Saxton, Mr. Lloyd G. Walton and Mrs. Jean A. Hesson.

Squad gets 67 calls

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to 67 calls during the month of June. In doing so, members expended 372.75 hours and traveled 2,867 miles.

A breakdown of calls is as follows: falls, 6; transports, 15; breathing difficulties, 6; chest pains, 9; stand-by, 4; D.O.A., 4; auto wrecks, 6; strokes, 3; abdominal pains, 4; burn, one; heart attacks, 3; miscellaneous, 6.

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